

## Comparative Analysis MHD Bioconvective Flow of Micropolar Nanofluid in Porous Medium

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### ABSTRACT

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The present study dealt with heat and mass transfer rate, and motile micro-organisms for convective micropolar nanofluid flow in a porous medium. The nanofluid contains the influence of both Brownian motion and thermodiffusion (thermophoresis). The problem considered finds applications in the areas of engineering such as reducing greenhouse effects and in the pharmaceutical applications enhancing mixing and slowing down settling particles can be mentioned. The numerical results are obtained and discussed. The results obtained suggest that micropolar fluids enhance the flow and decrease the temperature, nanoparticles concentration and gyrotactic microorganisms concentration profiles compared to viscous fluid. It is also noted that Hall parameter increases skin friction, the heat transfer rate, the mass transfer rate and density of the motile microorganisms.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Studying heat and mass transfer phenomenon at small scales level attracted many researchers because of its application. To enhance the heat transfer is one of the areas of research in thermal science. Among the various techniques enhancing heat transfer in a flow adding nano size particle in the base fluid presented by Choi and Eastman [1] is found to be efficient thermal conductivities. The base fluid such as water, engine oil, ethylene etc. have low thermal conductivity therefore, nanofluids with the metals in it will enhance the thermal conductivity of such fluids. Nanofluids appear to behave more like single phase fluid than a solid-liquid mixture. There are various applications of nanofluid cellphones and laptops related to energy resources can be considered as an example. By developing a mathematical model Buongiorno [2] made a comprehensive survey of nanofluid transport mechanisms. A number of researchers studied saturating nanofluid is well documented by researchers [3-8] to mention a few.

Bioconvection happens due to a convection driven by the collective motion caused by density gradient created by collective swimming of motile microorganisms [3]. Bioconvection nanofluid describes the impulsive pattern formation of instability due to the density stratification. Presence of microorganisms in nanofluid boost mass transfer especially in micro-volume. The motion of micro-organisms is self-intended whereas that of nanoparticle is due to random movement (i.e. Brownian motion) and thermophoretic effect in nanofluid. Bioconvection i.e. contemporaneous interplay of nanoparticles, buoyancy forces and self-propelled microorganisms find application in field of biomedical systems, bioconjugates, design of bio cells, bio microsystem, reduction of blood loss during surgeries [9]. After Platt [10] introduced bioconvection and reported the physics of the curious streaming several researchers studied bioconvections flows. Nanoparticles and gyrotactic microorganisms for

second grade fluid in a porous medium discussed by Khan et al. [11] reported microorganism concentration decreases with increase in porosity parameter. Second-grade nanofluid fluid flow over stretching sheet in the presence of gyrotactic microorganism examined by Waqas et al. [12] disclosed bioconvection Rayleigh number decreases velocity. Unsteady flow of Oldroyd B nanoparticles flow over a moving oscillatory surface considering gyrotactic microorganisms studied by Khan et al. [13] showed thermophoresis increases with Motile microorganism. Many authors studied bioconvection flow see for example [14-18].

The non-Newtonian fluid models with microstructures such as polymeric additives, colloidal suspensions and non-symmetric stress tensor is classified as micropolar fluid. After the pioneer work of Eringen [19] convective flow of micropolar fluid analyzed by many authors. Ariman et al. [20, 21] reviewed micropolar fluids and showed applications in technology.

Heat transfer of nanofluid in a porous medium improve the convection heat transfer and it finds industrial applications. From applications of porous medium flow solar collectors, geothermal operations, petroleum, porous burners, can be mentioned. Fluid flow modelling through a Darcy and/or non-Darcy porous medium studied by various researchers [22-27] to mention a few. A review and applications are documented in monographs by Ingham and Pop and Ingham [28], Nield and Bejan [29].

The present paper addresses the gap that are identified in the researches mentioned above and finds applications in biotechnology, biomedical, oil refinery and bio-microsystems. The above-mentioned papers and exhaustive literature survey reveal that the study comprising radiation, magnetohydrodynamics (hall effects), the interaction of motile microorganisms on bioconvective micropolar nanofluid flow in a porous medium has not been carried out so far. We have extended the earlier work of Zuhra et al. [14] for micropolar fluid by considering hall effects, porosity and

thermal radiation on fluid flow, for viscous and micropolar fluid then compared. We hope the research will contribute in the magnetohydrodynamics theory it's on part for the combined effects of the mentioned parameters. The governing partial differential equations of the modeled problem applying similarity transformations non-dimensional system of differential equations determined then solved numerically using spectral quasi linearization method (SQLM). The effects of parameters of interest are studied.

## 2. MODELLING THE PROBLEM

Consider the two-dimensional steady, incompressible, laminar, micropolar nanofluids along with gyrotactic microorganisms over a vertical plate in a porous medium. It is assumed transverse magnetic field of strength  $B_0$  is applied. In order microorganisms not to be absorbed the pore size is assumed to be large in the porous medium also the Brinkman-Darcy model is used. The microorganisms give rise to stabilize the nanoparticles. In order microorganisms and gyrotactic behavior not be killed it is assumed the temperature variation weak. Kuznetsov [30] suggested lower temperature gradient will not significantly change gyrotactic behavior. As it is reported by Sarkar et al. [31] from their experimental results microorganisms can withstand temperatures of  $42^\circ\text{C}$ . The Brownian type diffusion and thermophoretic mechanisms along with Newtonian heating are also considered. It is further assumed cross flow is caused due to the magnetic field and Hall current.

Under the above assumptions following [11, 12, 14, 32] the equations governing the flow are:

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \left( \frac{\mu_f + \kappa_f}{\rho_f} \right) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\kappa_f}{\rho_f} \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial y} - \frac{v_f}{k_1} u - \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_f(1+m^2)} (u + m w) + \frac{g^*}{\rho_f} [(1 - C_f)\beta_T(T - T_\infty) + (\rho_p - \rho_f)(C - C_\infty) + \gamma_w(N - N_\infty)(\rho_m - \rho_f)] \quad (2)$$

$$u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = \left( \frac{\mu_f + \kappa_f}{\rho_f} \right) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\kappa_f}{\rho_f} \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial y} - \frac{v_f}{k_1} w + \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_f(1+m^2)} (u - m w) \quad (3)$$

$$u \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial y} = \gamma_f \frac{\partial^2 \Gamma}{\partial y^2} - 2\kappa_f \Gamma - \kappa_f \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad (4)$$

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha_f \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_f(1+m^2)} (u^2 + w^2) + \frac{16\sigma^* T_\infty^3}{3k^* \rho_f C_p} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{(\rho c)_p}{(\rho c)_f} \left[ \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)^2 + D_B \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right) \right] \quad (5)$$

$$u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = D_B \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \quad (6)$$

$$u \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} = \frac{b W_c}{(C_w - C_\infty)} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( N \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right) \right] + D_m \frac{\partial^2 N}{\partial y^2} \quad (7)$$

where,  $\kappa$  is the material or micropolar parameter,  $T_\infty$  the reference temperature,  $u, v, w$  are the velocity components of the flow,  $T$  is the temperature,  $m$  is hall parameter,  $D_m$  is the diffusivity of microorganisms,  $g$  is the gravity,  $k_1$  is the permeability of the porous medium,  $\alpha_f$  is the thermal diffusivity,  $(\rho c)_p$  is heat capacity of nanofluid,  $\rho c_f$  is heat capacity of base fluid,  $\sigma^*$  is Stefan-Boltzmann constant,  $\beta_T$  is the volume expansion coefficient,  $C$  is the nanoparticles volume fraction,  $C_\infty$  reference concentration of nanoparticles,  $D_T$  and  $B_D$  are the coefficient of thermophoretic diffusion and Brownian diffusion,  $k^*$  is mean absorption coefficient,  $N$  is the local density number of the motile microorganisms,  $N_\infty$  reference concentration of the microorganisms and  $C_w$  is the maximum cell swimming speed.

Following [27] the spin gradient viscosity,  $\gamma_f$ , in Eq. (4) is given by:

$$\gamma_f = \left( \mu_f + \frac{\kappa_f}{2} \right) j$$

where,  $j = \frac{v_f}{c_1}$  is the micro-inertia.

The boundary conditions are:

$$u = U_w = c_1 x, v = V_w, w = \Gamma = 0, \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = -h(T), \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = -k_c(C), \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} = -h_n(N), \text{ at } y=0$$

$$u \rightarrow 0, \quad w \rightarrow 0, \quad T = T_\infty, \quad C = C_\infty, \quad N = N_\infty \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty \quad (8)$$

where,  $V_w$  is suction velocity.

The following transformations applied for non dimensionalization:

$$u = c_1 x f'(\eta), \quad v = \sqrt{c_1 v_f} f(\eta), \quad w = c_1 x g(\eta), \quad \Gamma = c_1 x \sqrt{\frac{c_1}{v_f}} \omega(\eta), \quad \eta = \sqrt{\frac{c_1}{v_f}} y \quad (9)$$

$$\theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_\infty}, \quad \varphi(\eta) = \frac{C - C_\infty}{C_\infty}, \quad h(\eta) = \frac{N - N_\infty}{N_\infty}$$

Substituting Eq. (9) into Eqns. (1-7), we get the following non-dimensional equations:

$$(1 + \chi) f'''' - f'^2 + f f'' - \delta f' - \chi \omega' + \lambda [\theta - N_r \varphi - R b h] - \frac{M}{(1 + m^2)} (f' + m g) = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$(1 + \chi) g'' - f' g + f g' - \delta g - \chi \omega' + \frac{M}{(1 + m^2)} (f' - m g) = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\left( 1 + \frac{\chi}{2} \right) \omega'' - f' \omega + f \omega' - \chi (2\omega + f'') = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\left( 1 + \frac{4 R d}{3} \right) \theta'' + P r f \theta' + p r N t \theta'^2 + p r N b \theta' \varphi' + \frac{M E c}{(1 + m^2)} (f'^2 + g^2) = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\varphi'' + Le f \varphi' - \frac{Nt}{Nb} \varphi'' = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$h'' + Lb f h' - Pe[\varphi' h' + h \varphi''] = 0 \quad (15)$$

where,  $\chi = \frac{\kappa_f}{\mu_f}$  is the material or micropolar parameter,  $\lambda = \frac{\beta_T g^*(1-C_\infty)T_\infty}{c_1^2 x}$  the mixed convection parameter,  $M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_f c_1}$  magnetic parameter,  $Rd = \frac{4\sigma^* T_\infty^3}{k^* k_f}$  is the thermal radiation,  $Nr = \frac{(\rho_p - \rho_f)(C_w - C_\infty)}{\beta_T \rho_f T_\infty (1 - C_\infty)}$  the buoyancy ratio parameter,  $Nt = \frac{(\rho c)_p D_T}{(\rho c)_f \nu_f}$  represents thermophoresis parameter,  $Le = \frac{\nu_f}{D_B}$  Lewis number,  $Nb = \frac{(\rho c)_p D_B C_\infty}{(\rho c)_f \nu_f}$  is Brownian motion parameter,  $Pr = \frac{\nu_f}{\alpha}$  Prandtl number,  $Pe = \frac{b W_c}{D_m (C_w - C_\infty)}$  bioconvection Peclet number,  $A$  is the suction/injection parameter,  $Ec = \frac{U_w^2}{C_p T_\infty}$  the Eckert number,  $\delta = \frac{\nu_f}{k_1 c_1}$  is porosity parameter,  $Lb = \frac{\nu_f}{D_m}$  represent bioconvection Lewis parameter and  $Rb = \frac{\gamma_w (\rho_m - \rho_f)}{\beta_T g^* (1 - C_\infty) T_\infty}$  is Rayleigh number.

The non dimensional boundary conditions are:

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) = A, f'(0) = 1, g(0) = 0, \omega(0) = 0, \theta'(0) = -\beta_1(\theta(0) + 1), \varphi'(0) = -\beta_2(\varphi(0) + 1), h'(0) = -\beta_3(h(0) + 1), \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$f' \rightarrow 0, g \rightarrow 0, \omega \rightarrow 0, \theta \rightarrow 0, \phi \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \eta \rightarrow 0.$$

where,  $A = \frac{V_w}{\sqrt{v_f c_1}}$ ,  $\beta_1 = h_s \sqrt{\frac{v_f}{c_1}}$ ,  $\beta_2 = h_c \sqrt{\frac{v_f}{c_1}}$ ,  $\beta_3 = h_n \sqrt{\frac{v_f}{c_1}}$ .

The shearing stress components can be calculated in non-dimensional form:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_w = \left[ (\mu + \kappa) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \kappa \Gamma \right]_{y=0}, Cf_x = \frac{\tau_{wy=0}}{\rho U_w^2} \\ Re_x^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 + \chi) Cf_x = f''(0) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The engineering parameters of interest local Nusselt  $Nu_x$ , Sherwood  $Sh_x$  and the density number  $Nn_x$  given by:

$$Nu_x = \frac{x q_w}{k(T - T_\infty)}, Sh_x = \frac{x q_c}{D(C - C_\infty)}, Nn_x = \frac{x q_n}{D_n(N - N_\infty)} \quad (18)$$

$$q_w = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}, q_c = -D \frac{\partial C}{\partial y}, q_n = -D_n \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \quad (19)$$

$$Re_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} Nu_x = \beta_1 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\theta(0)} \right) \quad (20)$$

$$Re_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} Sh_x = \beta_2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\phi(0)} \right) \quad (21)$$

$$Re_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} Nn_x = \beta_3 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\chi(0)} \right) \quad (22)$$

$$Re_x = \frac{c_1 x^2}{\nu} \text{ Reynolds number.}$$

### 3. SOLUTION USING SQLM

In this subsection Eq. (10)-(15) together with the boundary conditions Eq. (16) are solved using SQLM. Bellman and Kalaba [33] first presented the (QLM) as a generalization of the Newton Raphson method they showed that this method could solve non-linear boundary value problems. Motsa et al. [34] by modifying QLM introduced SQLM. The main idea of SQLM is introduction of a differentiation matrix which is used to approximate the derivatives of the unknown linearized functions and apply Chebyshev pseudo-spectral Collocation method to integrate the coupled system obtained. The convergence of the method happens rapidly if the initial guess of the solution is close to the true solution. We assume that the solutions  $f_r, g_r, \omega_r, \theta_r, \varphi_r$  and  $h_r$  of Eqns. (10)-(15) at the  $(r+1)^{th}$  iteration are given as  $f_{r+1}, g_{r+1}, \omega_{r+1}, \theta_{r+1}, \varphi_{r+1}$  and  $h_{r+1}$ . If we obtain the solutions at the previous iteration being sufficiently close to the present iteration, the non-linear components of Eqns. (10)-(15) can then be linearized using one term Taylor's series for multiple variables so that we obtain the following iteration of linear differential equations,

$$\begin{aligned} a_{1,r} f_{r+1}'''' + a_{2,r} f_{r+1}'' + a_{3,r} f_{r+1}' + a_{4,r} f_{r+1} + \\ a_{5,r} g_{r+1} + a_{6,r} \theta_{r+1} + a_{7,r} + a_{8,r} \varphi_{r+1} + \\ a_{9,r} h_{r+1} = R_r^{(1)} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{1,r} g_{r+1}'' + b_{2,r} g_{r+1}' + b_{3,r} g_{r+1} + b_{4,r} f_{r+1}' + \\ b_{5,r} f_{r+1} = R_r^{(2)} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1,r} \omega_{r+1}'' + c_{2,r} \omega_{r+1}' + c_{3,r} \omega_{r+1} + c_{4,r} f_{r+1}'' + \\ c_{5,r} f_{r+1}' + c_{6,r} f_{r+1} = R_r^{(3)} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_{1,r} \theta_{r+1}'' + d_{2,r} \theta_{r+1}' + d_{3,r} f_{r+1}' + d_{4,r} f_{r+1} + \\ d_{5,r} g_{r+1} + d_{6,r} \varphi_{r+1} = R_r^{(4)} \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

$$\varphi_{r+1}'' + e_{1,r} \varphi_{r+1}' + e_{2,r} \theta_{r+1}'' + e_{3,r} f_{r+1} = R_r^{(5)} \quad (27)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_{r+1}'' + p_{1,r} h_{r+1}' + p_{2,r} h_{r+1} + p_{3,r} f_{r+1} + \\ p_{4,r} \varphi_{r+1}'' + p_{5,r} \varphi_{r+1}' = R_r^{(6)} \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where,

$$a_{1,r} = 1 + \chi, a_{2,r} = f_r + a_{3,r} = -2f_r - \delta - \frac{M}{(1 + m^2)},$$

$$a_{4,r} = f_r'', a_{5,r} = -\frac{M}{(1 + m^2)}, a_{6,r} = \delta, a_{7,r} = \lambda, a_{8,r} = -\lambda Nr, a_{9,r} = -\lambda Rb$$

$$b_{1,r} = 1 + \chi, b_{2,r} = f_r, b_{3,r} = f_r - \delta - \frac{M}{(1 + m^2)}, b_{4,r} = -g_r + \frac{M m}{(1 + m^2)}, b_{5,r} = g_r'$$

$$c_{1,r} = \left( 1 + \frac{\chi}{2} \right), c_{2,r} = f_r, c_{3,r} = -f_r - 2\chi, c_{4,r} = -\chi c_{5,r} = -\omega_r, c_{6,r} = \omega_r'$$

$$d_{1,r} = 1 + \frac{4 Rd}{3}, d_{2,r} = pr(f_r + 2 Nt \theta_r' + Nb \phi_r'),$$

$$d_{3,r} = \frac{2 M Ec}{(1 + m^2)} f_r', d_{4,r} = Pr \theta_r',$$

$$d_{5,r} = \frac{2 M Ec}{(1 + m^2)} g_r, d_{6,r} = Pr Nb \frac{2 M Ec}{(1 + m^2)} f_r'$$

$$\begin{aligned}
e_{1,r} &= Le f_r, e_{2,r} = \frac{Nt}{Nb}, e_{3,r} = Le \phi_r', \\
p_{1,r} &= Lb f_{r+1} - Pe \phi_r', \quad p_{2,r} = -Pe, \quad p_{3,r} = Lb h_r', \\
p_{4,r} &= -Pe, p_{5,r} = -Pe h_r'
\end{aligned}$$

The boundary conditions are:

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{r+1}(\eta) &= A, f_{r+1}'(\eta) = 1, \quad g_{r+1}(\eta) = 0, \\
\omega_{r+1}(\eta) &= 0, \theta_{r+1}'(\eta) = \beta_1(\theta(\eta) + 1), \\
\phi_{r+1}'(\eta) &= \beta_1(\eta + 1), \quad h_{r+1}'(\eta) = \beta_1(h(\eta) + 1) \quad (29) \\
&\text{at } \eta = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{r+1}' &\rightarrow 0, \quad g_{r+1} \rightarrow 0, \quad \omega_{r+1} \rightarrow 0, \quad \theta_{r+1} \rightarrow 0 \quad \phi_{r+1} \rightarrow \\
&0, \quad h_{r+1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \eta \rightarrow \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Eqns. (23)–(28) solved by using the Chebyshev pseudo-spectral method. In the spectral collocation method we introduce a differentiation matrix  $D$  which we then use to approximate the derivatives of the unknown functions  $f(\eta)$ ,  $g(\eta)$ ,  $\omega(\eta)$ ,  $\theta(\eta)$ ,  $\phi(\eta)$  and  $h(\eta)$  at the collocation Chebyshev-Gauss-Lobatto points [35, 36].

$$\eta_i = \cos\left(\frac{\pi i}{N}\right), \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f^{(p)} &\rightarrow \mathbf{D}^{(p)}\mathbf{F}, \quad g^{(p)} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}^{(p)}\mathbf{G}, \quad \omega^{(p)} \rightarrow \\
\mathbf{D}^{(p)}\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \quad \theta^{(p)} &\rightarrow \mathbf{D}^{(p)}\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \quad \phi^{(p)} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}^{(p)}\boldsymbol{\Phi}, \quad h^{(p)} \rightarrow \\
&\mathbf{D}^{(p)}\mathbf{H} \quad (31)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} & A_{14} & A_{15} & A_{16} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & A_{24} & A_{25} & A_{26} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} & A_{34} & A_{35} & A_{36} \\ A_{41} & A_{42} & A_{43} & A_{44} & A_{45} & A_{46} \\ A_{51} & A_{52} & A_{53} & A_{54} & A_{55} & A_{56} \\ A_{61} & A_{62} & A_{63} & A_{64} & A_{65} & A_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_{r+1} \\ G_{r+1} \\ \Omega_{r+1} \\ \Theta_{r+1} \\ \Phi_{r+1} \\ H_{r+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \\ R_4 \\ R_5 \\ R_6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (32)$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{1,1} &= \text{diag}(a_{1,r})\mathbf{D}^3 + \text{diag}(a_{2,r})\mathbf{D}^2 + \text{diag}(a_{3,r}) \\
&\quad + \text{diag}(a_{4,r})I \\
A_{1,2} &= \text{diag}(a_{5,r})I, \quad A_{1,3} = \text{diag}(a_{6,r})I, \\
A_{1,4} &= \text{diag}(a_{7,r})I, \quad A_{1,5} = \text{diag}(a_{8,r})I, \\
A_{1,6} &= \text{diag}(a_{6,r})I \\
A_{2,1} &= \text{diag}(b_{4,r})\mathbf{D} + \text{diag}(b_{5,r}), \\
A_{2,2} &= \text{diag}(a_{3,r})\mathbf{D}^2 + \text{diag}(b_{2,r})\mathbf{D} \\
&\quad + \text{diag}(b_{3,r})I \\
A_{2,3} &= \mathbf{0}, \quad A_{2,4} = \mathbf{0}, \quad A_{2,5} = \mathbf{0}, \quad A_{2,6} = \mathbf{0} \\
A_{3,1} &= \text{diag}(c_{4,r})\mathbf{D} + \text{diag}(c_{5,r}), \quad A_{3,2} = \mathbf{0}, \\
A_{3,3} &= \text{diag}(c_{1,r})\mathbf{D}^2 + \text{diag}(c_{2,r})\mathbf{D} + \text{diag}(c_{3,r})I \\
A_{3,4} &= \mathbf{0}, \quad A_{3,5} = \mathbf{0}, \quad A_{3,6} = \mathbf{0} \\
A_{4,1} &= \text{diag}(d_{3,r})\mathbf{D} + \text{diag}(d_{4,r}), \quad A_{4,2} = \mathbf{0}, \quad A_{4,3} = \mathbf{0}, \\
A_{4,4} &= \text{diag}(d_{1,r})\mathbf{D}^2 + \text{diag}(d_{2,r})\mathbf{D} \\
A_{4,5} &= \text{diag}(d_{5,r})\mathbf{D}^2, \quad A_{4,6} = \mathbf{0} \\
A_{5,1} &= \text{diag}(e_{3,r}), \quad A_{5,2} = \mathbf{0}, \quad A_{5,3} = \mathbf{0}, \\
A_{5,4} &= \text{diag}(d_{1,r})\mathbf{D}^2 + \text{diag}(d_{2,r})\mathbf{D}, \quad A_{5,5} = \text{diag}(e_{2,r})\mathbf{D}^2, \\
A_{5,6} &= \mathbf{0} \\
A_{6,1} &= \text{diag}(p_{3,r}), \quad A_{6,2} = \mathbf{0}, \quad A_{6,3} = \mathbf{0}, \\
A_{6,4} &= \mathbf{0}, \quad A_{6,5} = \text{diag}(p_{1,r})\mathbf{D}^2, \\
A_{6,6} &= \mathbf{D}^2 + \text{diag}(p_{1,r})\mathbf{D}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_1 &= R_r^{(1)}, \quad R_2 = R_r^{(2)}, \quad R_3 = R_r^{(3)}, \quad R_4 = R_r^{(4)}, \\
R_5 &= R_r^{(5)}, \quad R_6 = R_r^{(6)}
\end{aligned}$$

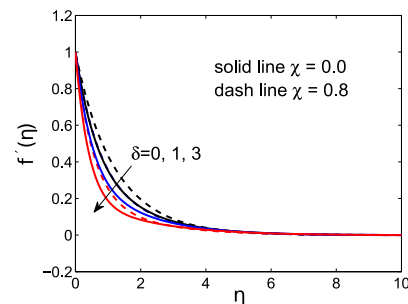
$F, G, \Omega, \Theta, \Phi, H$  are the values of the functions  $f, g, \omega, \theta, \phi$  and  $h$  evaluated at the grid points,  $\mathbf{0}$  is an  $(N+1) \times (N+1)$  matrix of zeros and  $I$  is a  $(N+1) \times (N+1)$  identity matrix. Applying the approximate boundary conditions the matrix Eq. (31) can be solved.

## 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

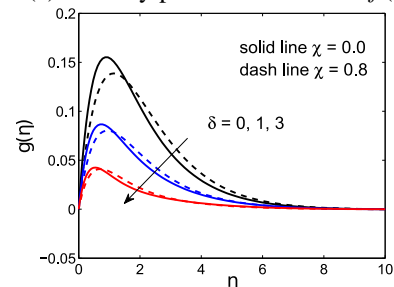
For parameters of interest, namely porosity parameter  $\delta$ , Hall parameter  $m$ , radiation parameter  $Rd$ , Brownian motion parameter  $Nb$ , thermophoresis parameter  $Nt$ , and mixed convection parameter  $\lambda$ , numerical results are obtained. In Eqns. (2-4) when  $\chi \neq 0$  hence  $\chi = 0$  in (10-12) the governing equations reduce to viscous fluid,  $\chi = 0.8$  represent micropolar. Research studies, for example, the studies [8, 13, 17] have determined that the ranges of the parameters  $\delta, m, \lambda, Nt$  and  $Nb$  are given by 0–3, 0–3, -0.5–2 and 0–2, respectively. In the entire numerical computational process, the parameter values were chosen as  $M=2, Nr=0.5, Rb=0.5, pr=0.7, Le=2, Lb=1, pe=0.3, \beta_1=0.2, \beta_2=0.2, \beta_3=0.2, A=0.5$  and  $Ec=0.01$ . In order to get asymptotically smooth solution a numerical experiment was carried out and maximum value for the boundary is taken  $\eta=15$  to get consistent and to the given accuracy.

### 4.1 Primary velocity profile, $f'$ , secondary velocity, $Rd$ and microrotation, $\omega$

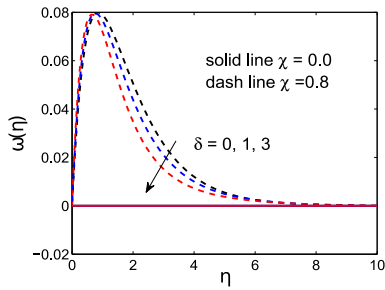
Figure 1(a)-Figure 1(c) velocities and microrotation variations with  $\delta$  (porosity parameter) for the case viscous and micropolar fluids presented. It is found that the velocities and microrotations profiles decreases with porosity parameter increases. Increasing the porosity parameters increases  $\nu$  more than  $K$  hence the porous drug increases causing low motion the nanofluid. Note that there is no flow for micropolar parameter  $\chi$  on the flow fields as seen in Figure 1(c) this is because in Eq. (2)  $\chi \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  Eq. (10)  $\chi = 0$ . It is noted that the impact of porosity parameter is higher in micropolar fluid ( $\chi=0.8$ ) compared to the viscous ( $\chi=0$ ).



(a) Porosity parameter effect on  $f'(\eta)$

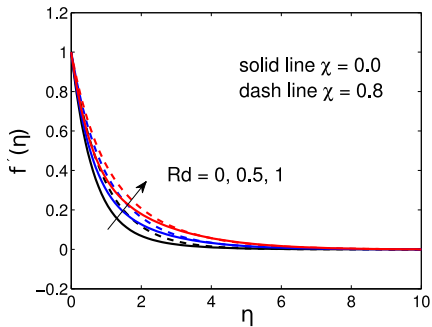


(b) Porosity parameter effect on  $g(\eta)$

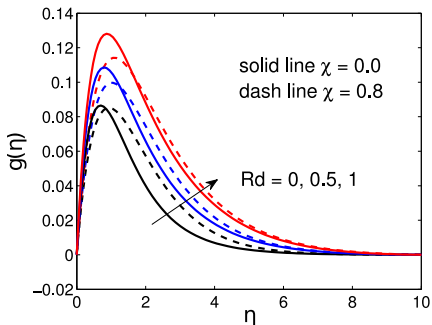


(c) Porosity parameter effect on  $\omega(\eta)$

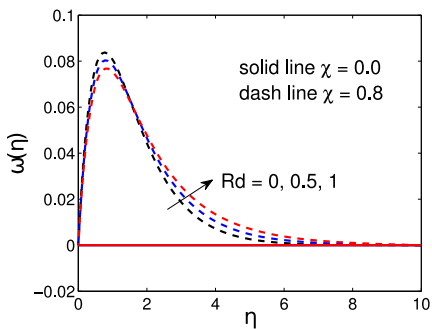
**Figure 1.** Primary, secondary velocities and microrotation profiles variation with  $\delta$



(a) Radiation parameter effect on  $f(\eta)$



(b) Radiation parameter effect on  $g(\eta)$



(c) Radiation parameter effect on  $\omega(\eta)$

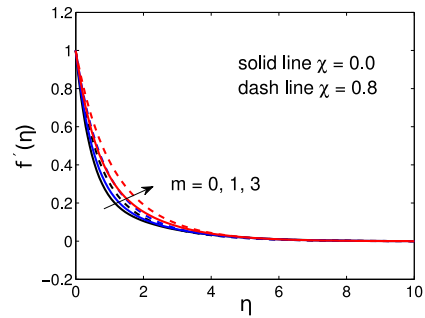
**Figure 2.** Primary, secondary velocities and microrotation profiles variation with  $Rd$

The primary and secondary velocities increase with an increase in conduction radiation parameter can be seen in Figure 2(a) and Figure 2(c). This is because with the radiation parameter increase the absorption of radiated heat from the plate releases more heat energy to the fluid resulting buoyancy forces in the boundary layer increases fluid motion.

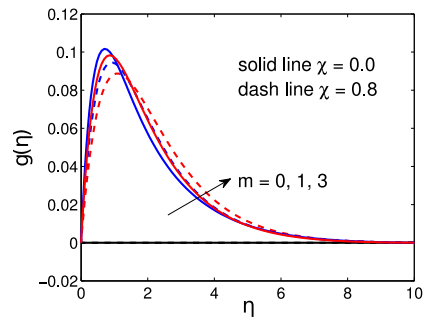
Physically, heat increases with radiation parameter increases and hence increase in both velocities. The microrotation show increase with increase around the

boundary layer to its peak and then asymptotically flow to the downstream.

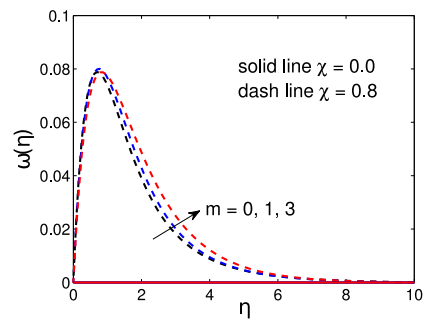
Figure 2(c) describes the microrotation profile for different values radiation parameter  $Rd$ . We observe a cross flow in the microrotation profile  $\omega(\eta)$  at  $\eta \cong 2$  in the reverse flow. The primary velocity and microrotation shows an increasing effect with hall parameter as seen in Figure 3(a) and Figure 3(b). When a magnetic field is applied perpendicular to the flow direction a reverse flow will be caused due to the force, Lorentz force, produced by the magnetic field. The flow caused due to this force is called the secondary flow. Reducing effect of magnetic field on the flow enhanced by Hall current parameter. Figure 3(b) shows the Hall effect on secondary velocity flow, when  $m=0$  there is no flow in this component.



(a) Hall parameter effect on  $f(\eta)$

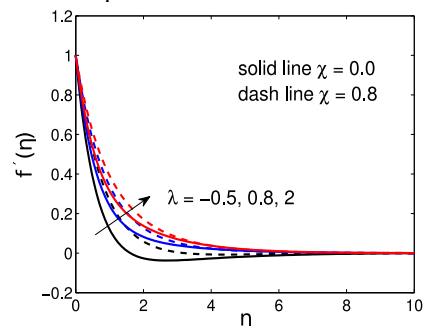


(b) Radiation parameter effect on  $g(\eta)$

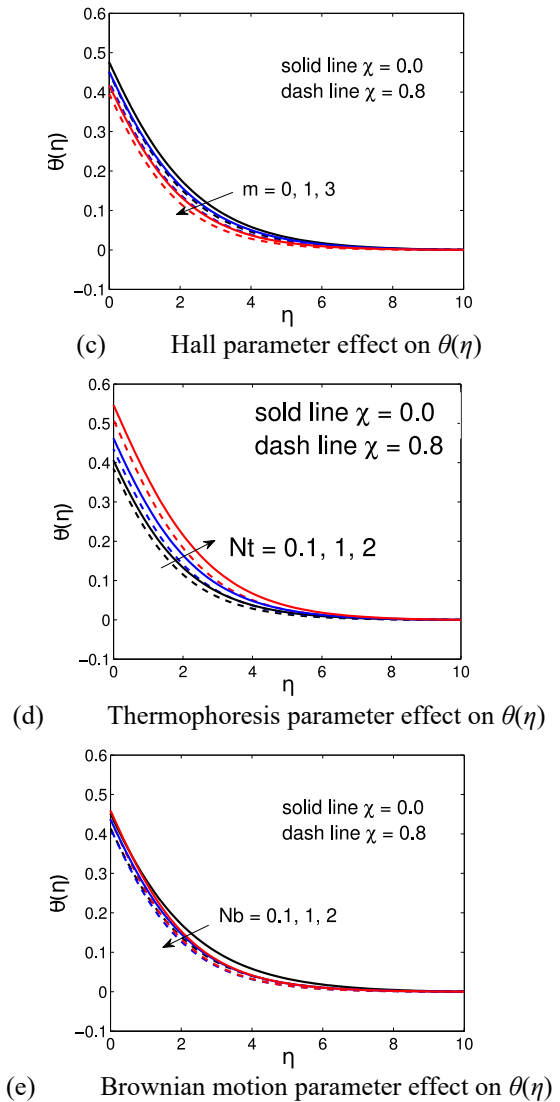
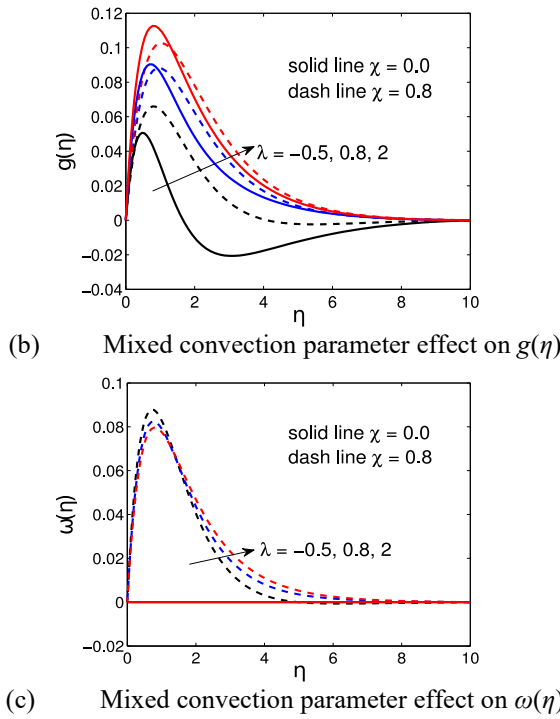


(c) Radiation parameter effect on  $\omega(\eta)$

**Figure 3.** Primary, secondary velocities and microrotation profiles variation with  $m$



(a) Mixed convection parameter effect on  $f(\eta)$



**Figure 4.** Primary, secondary velocities and microrotation profiles with  $\lambda$

The mixed convection parameter effect is shown in Figure 4(b) indicates increasing in the secondary flow profile. It is interesting to see from Figure 4(b) for opposing flow  $\lambda < 0$  flows reversal.

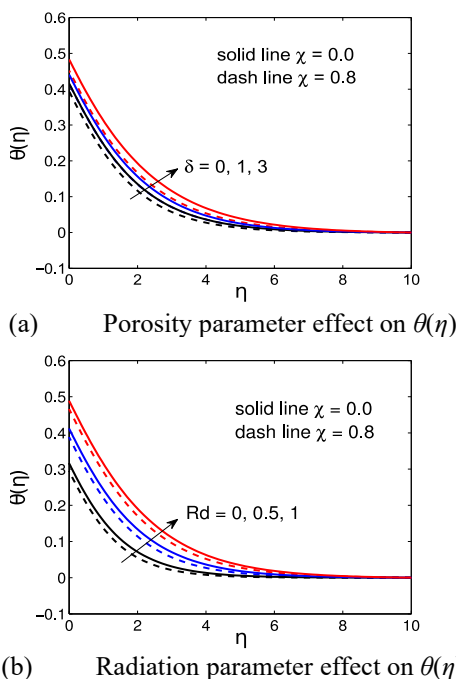
#### 4.2 Temperature, $\theta$ profile

Figure 5 depicted the temperature profile varying the values of porosity parameter. Porosity parameters increase shows an increasing effect on the boundary layer. This is due to viscosity in  $\frac{\nu_f}{k_1}$  in Eq. (2) and hence  $\delta$  in Eq. (10) increase then friction in between the surface and fluid increases lead in temperature increase. In Figure 5(b) the decrease in secondary flow effect is more notable for viscous flow compared to micropolar fluid.

**Figure 5.** Temperature profiles

In Figure 5(b) increasing values of radiation parameter  $Rd$  show increase in temperature profile. Rosseland radiation absorption decrease when with more  $Rd$  which leads to more heat produced hence arise in temperature.

The effects of Hall parameter,  $m$ , on the temperature distributions is depicted in Figure 5(c). Generally, applied magnetic field decreases the temperature similar result is observed in the presence of nanoparticles also. Figure 5(d) shows increasing the thermophoresis parameter enhance the temperature. Physically the Brownian motion and thermophoresis parameters appeared due to presence of nanoparticles and the presence of these nanoparticles enhance thermal diffusion in the flow.

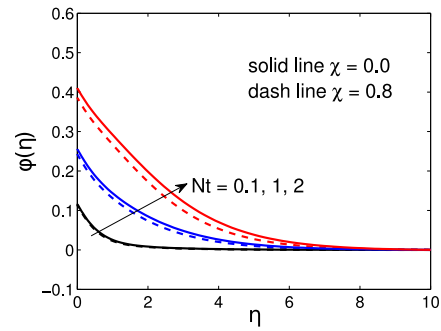


#### 4.3 Nanoparticles concentration, $\phi$ profile

Figures 6(a) display the variations in dimensionless nanoparticles concentration profile for various values of porosity parameters. It demonstrates that nanoparticle concentration enhanced with increasing in porosity parameter. Figure 6(a) is plotted for the effect of porosity parameter. From Figure 1(a) we have seen velocity decreases with increase in porosity parameter, this increase in porosity parameter increases the concentration because of the nanoparticles in unit volume of the fluid enhance. Figure 6(b) depicts the effect of

radiation parameter,  $Rd$ ; shows increase the nanoparticles concentration profile. Figure 6(c) shows clear fall in nanoparticles concentration as Hall parameter increases. It is also noted that the viscous fluid enhances the flow than micropolar fluid. Figure 6(e) depicted the nanoparticle concentration profile for various values of thermophoresis parameter  $Nt$ . Since the nanoparticles related with the thermophoresis parameter results particle migration increase and momentum boundary layer decreases leads to more particles near the boundary layer region. The hot nanoparticles that are close to the plate are being pushed to the cold fluid at the ambient temperature due to thermophoresis force.

Table 1 presents the numerical outcomes of engineering parameters. Shear stresses decreases when Hall, radiation parameters and coupling number increases. Nusselt number and the density number of the motile microorganisms decrease with radiation and coupling parameters.

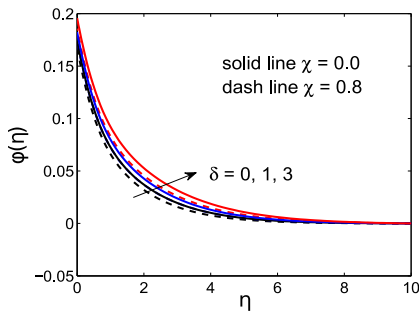


(e) Thermophoresis parameter effect on  $\phi(\eta)$

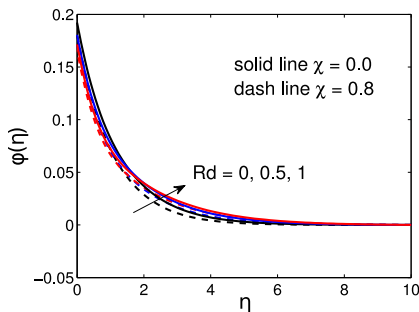
**Figure 6.** Nanoparticles concentration profile

**Table 1.** Shearing stresses, the local Nusselt number, Sherwood number and the density number of the motile microorganisms.  $M=2$ ,  $Nr=0.2$ ,  $Rb=0.2$ ,  $pr=1.0$ ,  $Le=0.2$ ,  $Lb=1.0$ ,  $Nt=0.1$ ,  $Nb=0.1$ ,  $pe=2.0$ ,  $\beta_1=0.1$ ,  $\beta_2=0.1$ ,  $\beta_3=0.1$ ,  $A=0.1$ ,  $Ec=0.02$ ,  $\delta=0.5$

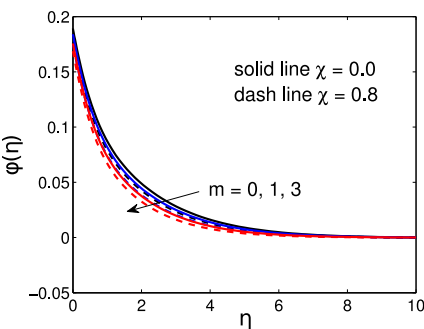
$m$	$Rd$	$\chi$	$-Re_x^{\frac{1}{2}}(1+\chi)Cf_x$	$Re_x^{\frac{1}{2}}Nu_x$	$Re_x^{\frac{1}{2}}Sh_x$	$Re_x^{\frac{1}{2}}Nn_x$
0.5	2	0.8	0.76399	0.07554	0.07127	0.09726
1	2	0.8	1.25610	0.18928	0.42385	0.88912
2	2	0.8	1.10915	0.19485	0.45519	0.91168
3	2	0.8	1.04765	0.19787	0.47030	0.92277
0.5	0	0.8	1.40812	0.12803	0.22287	0.03989
0.5	1	0.8	1.13217	0.19005	0.58564	0.90350
0.5	2	0.8	1.11888	0.19268	0.49947	0.90825
0.5	3	0.8	1.10915	0.19485	0.45519	0.91168
0.5	2	0	1.45902	0.17940	0.39461	0.84634
0.5	2	0.3	1.28630	0.18516	0.42049	0.87599
0.5	2	0.7	1.13803	0.19297	0.44909	0.90561
0.5	2	1	1.05802	0.19851	0.46627	0.92259



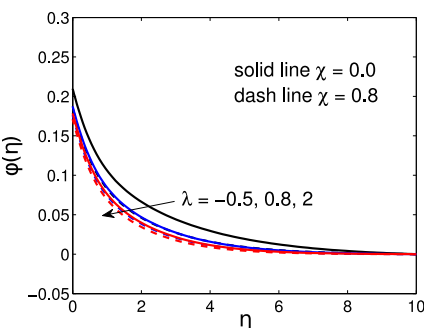
(a) Porosity parameter effect on  $\phi(\eta)$



(b) Radiation parameter effect on  $\phi(\eta)$



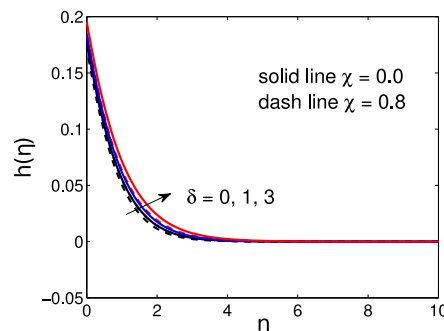
(c) Hall parameter effect on  $\phi(\eta)$



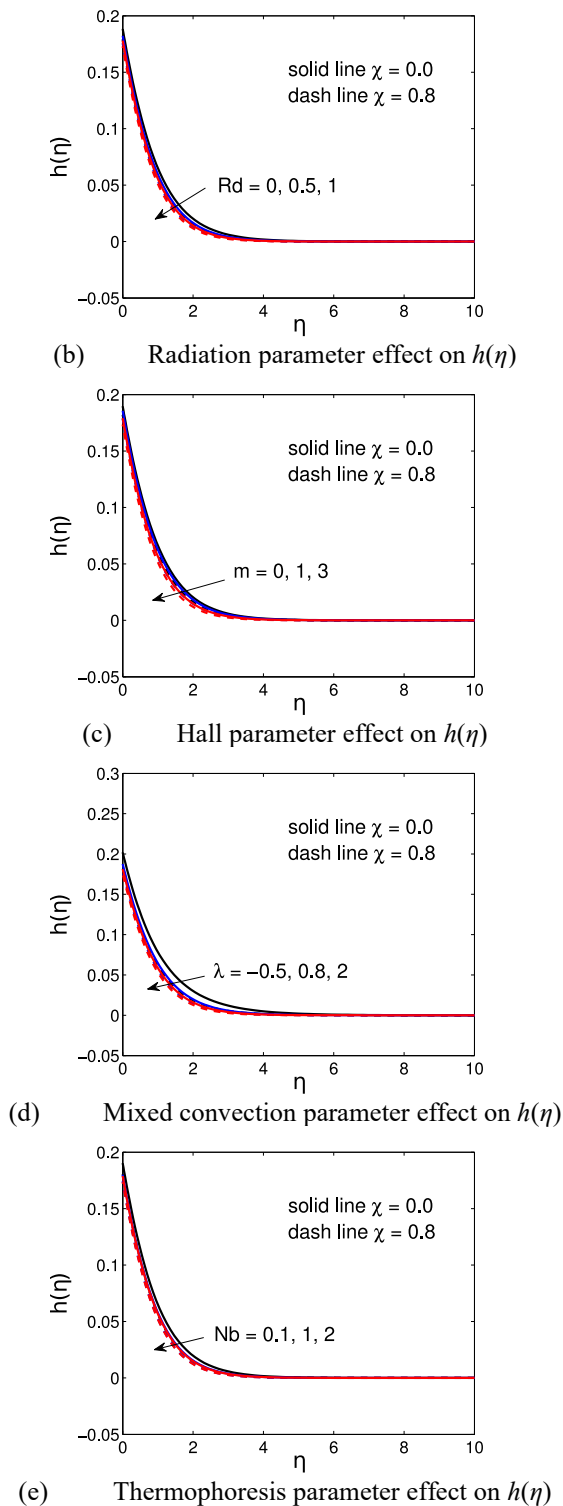
(d) Mixed convection parameter effect on  $\phi(\eta)$

#### 4.4 Gyrotactic microorganism concentration, $h$ profile

The presence of radiation, porosity and magnetic force applied in the flow external stimuli the movement of microorganisms. Porosity parameter shows an increase in the gyrotactic microorganism profiles of the boundary layer thickness as can be seen in the Figure 7(a). Hall parameter decreases the Gyrotactic microorganisms concentration as seen in Figure 7(c). Figure 7(b) reports the effect of the radiation parameter,  $Rd$ , on Gyrotactic microorganisms concentration profile. Increasing the radiation parameter increases the Gyrotactic microorganisms concentration. Figure 7(e) depict as the Brownian motion parameter,  $Nb$ , increases the density of motile microorganisms decreases. This is because  $Nb$  will suppress the diffusion of nanoparticles away from the region.



(a) Porosity parameter effect on  $h(\eta)$



**Figure 7.** Gyrotactic microorganism concentration profile

## 5. CONCLUSION

Two-dimensional MHD steady incompressible flow, transfer of heat and mass in a micropolar nanofluid comprising gyrotactic microorganisms in porous medium is modelled. The numerical results were computed using the SQLM. The effects of various parameters for viscous and micropolar fluid studied and compared. The salient features are listed below:

- For the viscous flow,  $\chi=0$ , the parameters  $\delta$ ,  $Rd$ ,  $m$  and  $\lambda$  show enhancing  $f'$ ,  $g$  and  $\omega$  than micropolar fluid.

- Results disclose increase in the value of Hall current parameter leads to increase in the primary velocity and microrotation diminished for temperature nanoparticles concentration and gyrotactic microorganisms concentration.
- Greater porosity reduces velocities and microrotation whereas it enhances temperatures, nanoparticles concentration and gyrotactic microorganisms concentration.
- The microrotation and secondary velocity show a shoot to the pic and dwindle.
- An increment in  $\lambda$  and  $Rd$  corresponds to an enhancement in microrotation, the primary and secondary velocities.
- The local shear stress decreases with increase in the  $m$ ,  $Rd$  and  $\chi$ .
- Mass transfer increases with increase the Hall parameters.

Generally, the flow velocity when the fluid is micropolar shows a tendency of increase compared to the viscous fluid. On the other hand, micropolar fluid shows reduce in temperature profile than the viscous fluid.

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## NOMENCLATURE

A	suction/injection parameter
b	chemotaxis constant (m)
C	Nanoparticles volume concentration
$g^*$	acceleration due to gravity, ( $m\ s^{-2}$ )
Lb	bioconvection Lewis number
Le	Lewis number
$f(\eta)$	dimensionless stream function
$h(\eta)$	dimensionless number of motile microorganism
j	micro-inertia
m	Hall parameter
M	magnetic parameter
N	number density of motile microorganisms
Nb	Brownian motion parameter
Nw	wall motile microorganisms
Nt	Thermophoresis parameter
Pe	bioconvection Péclet number
Pr	Prandtl number
Wc	maximum cell swimming speed
Rb	Rayleigh number
Rd	Radiation parameter

## Greek symbols

$\nu_f$	kinematic viscosity of fluid
$\lambda$	Mixed convection parameter
$\Gamma$	dimensional microrotation
$\omega(\eta)$	Dimensionless microrotation
$\varphi(\eta)$	dimensionless nanoparticles volume fraction
$\rho_f$	density of the fluid
$\sigma$	electric conductivity
$\sigma^*$	Stefan-Boltzmann constant
$\theta(\eta)$	nondimensional temperature

## Subscripts

$B_0$	constant magnetic field
$C_w$	Wall nanoparticles volume concentration
$C_\infty$	Ambient nanoparticles volume concentration
$D_B$	Brownian diffusion coefficient ( $m^2s^{-1}$ )
$D_n$	microorganism diffusion coefficient ( $m^2s^{-1}$ )
$D_T$	thermophoretic diffusion coefficient ( $m^2s^{-1}$ )
$h_s$	heat transport (coefficient)
$h_c$	mass transport (coefficient)
$h_n$	heat transfer rate
$k_1$	Permeability of the porous medium
$k_f$	thermal conductivity ( $Wm^{-1} K^{-1}$ )
$\mu_f$	Dynamic viscosity of the fluid (Pa s)
$\nu_f$	vortex viscosity
$\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$	constants
qw	constant wall heat flux ( $W\ m^{-1}$ )